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1. The Soviet detachment of one officer and eight ~~MI~~ stationed in a log cabin on the Eicha-Trappstadt (M 51/O 09) road moved to Linden (M 51/O 09) on 6 January 1951. A Volkspolizei detail of 16 men was also stationed in Linden.
2. One Soviet officer and 30 ~~MI~~ were quartered in the inn in Milz (M 51/H 90) on 7 January. No troops had previously been stationed there.
3. The Soviet detachment of 12 or 18 men in Gompertshausen (M 51/O 09) was transferred to Schweikertshausen on 4 January. It moved into the quarters of the Volkspolizei detail which moved from Schweikertshausen to Gompertshausen on the same day, bringing up the number of police in Gompertshausen to 35. On 6 January, the Soviet detachment in Schweikertshausen was brought up to 2 officers and 37 ~~MI~~, equipped with rifles and submachine guns.
4. The Volkspolizei post in the fortress in Heldburg (M 51/O 19) was reduced in number from 83 to about 45 police.
5. The Volkspolizei unit in Milz was transferred to Mendhausen (M 51/H 90) on 3 January, while the Soviet troops from Mendhausen moved to Milz on 1 January. The Soviet troops had previously been stationed in Behrunen (M 51/H 90) and Roemhild (M 51/H 90). The reshuffling of Soviet troops and Volkspolizei units in early January made it impossible to determine the number of personnel in the various towns. Local residents agreed that the Soviet troops belonged to infantry units which had been assigned to occupation duty before, and which came from Roemhild, Mildburghausen (M 51/J 10), and Themar (M 51/J 01).
6. The Soviet detachment of 60 to 70 soldiers in Spechtsbrunn departed about 5 January, leaving behind only 10 soldiers who allegedly also would be withdrawn. Houses vacated by the Soviets were turned over to the municipal administration.
7. Small-scale transfers of border guard personnel were observed in various towns, such as Hasenthal (M 51/J 41), Koepfelsdorf (M 51/J 40), and Neuenbau (M 51/J 40). It was said that more troops would arrive and move

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into localities close to the zonal border which were hitherto unoccupied. *

8. On 22 January, it was learned that the Soviet soldiers who arrived in Neuhaus-Schierschnitz (M 51/O 49) performed patrol duty along the zonal border, which had been done by the Volkspolizei personnel previously stationed there. A patrol consisted of two soldiers. Soviet border patrols were independent of those of German police.
9. Houses in Focritz were requisitioned, allegedly to quarter additional Soviet detachments.
10. Soviet troops were allegedly to be stationed in Schwaerzdorf and Jagds-
hof (M 51/J 40) in the near future. [redacted]
[redacted] large-scale Soviet Army maneuvers will allegedly be held in
the Thuringian zonal border area in the spring of 1951. ***

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* [redacted] Comment. The localities mentioned were
to be occupied by Soviet Army detachments. [redacted]

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